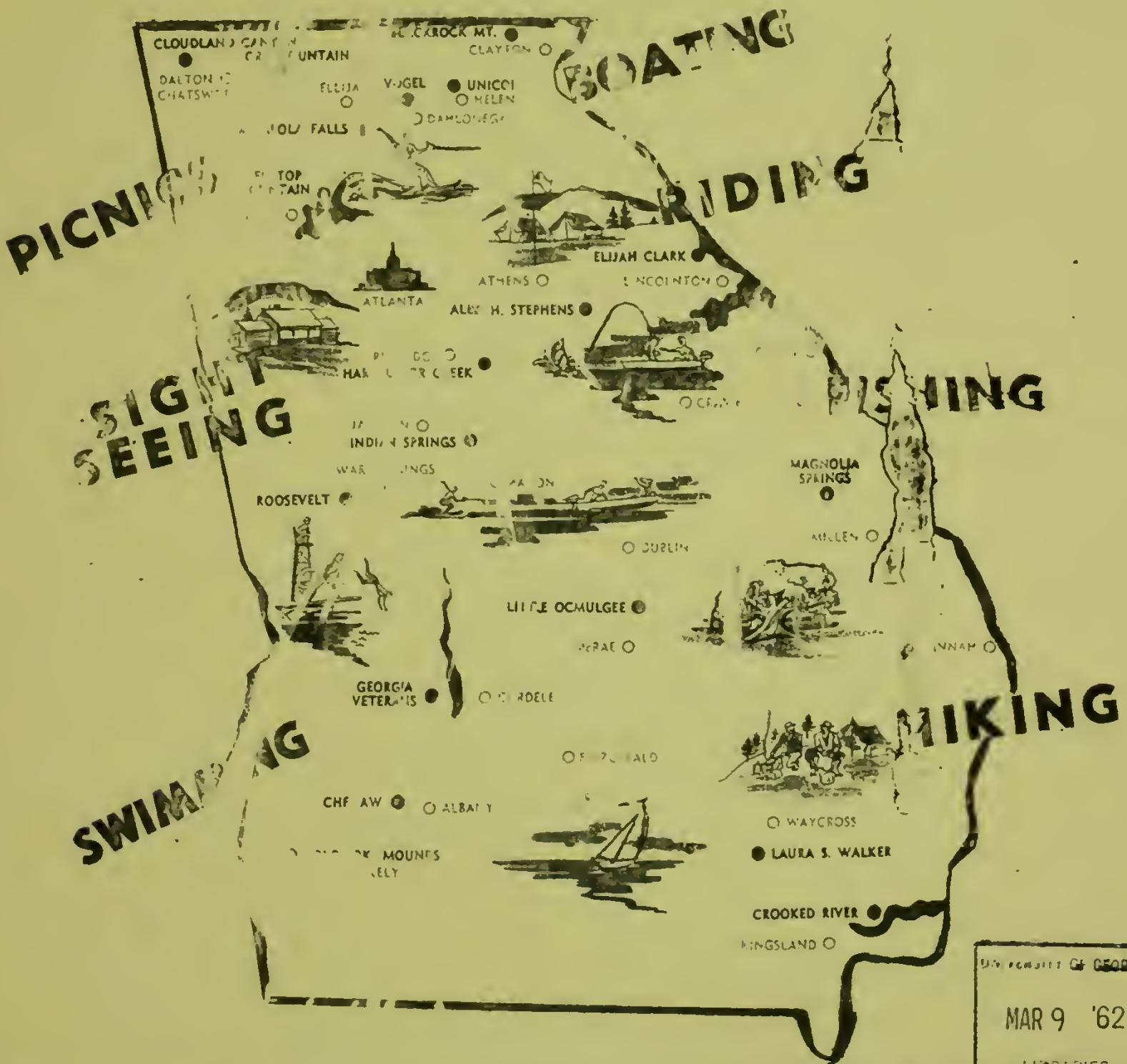


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GIA VETERANS STATE PARK
Submitted by George Greene

As most of you noticed at our conference, our cottages are being remodeled with gable roofs. This will greatly help their appearance--and the insulation being added will help their comfort. Cabin #10 is presently being repainted in order that Roy and Inez Anderson can move in on or about May 1. We welcome them to this park--and know that they will be a fine addition to 1,300 of Georgia's most beautiful acres.

We would like to welcome Frank McMichael, of Indian Springs, into the Department, and wish him well in his new endeavors.

A new boat ramp and paved approach has just been constructed here.

We have begun clearing work on our new family camping area--and hope to have it open by July 1.

As most of you know, we have just completed our fourth In-Service Training Program here at Ga. Vets. and I would like to take this opportunity to make a few observations. To begin with--I am sure that everyone was happy to see and talk with Mr. Collier again after his period of absence from our midst. A welcome addition to our program this time was the panel discussion by several of the superintendent's wives.

We were sorry to note the absence of Clay Morgan, Ranze Harper, Lat Vandiver, "Dee" DeLoach, Mr. Shealy, and their respective wives; and hope to see "each of you" at our next meeting, or sooner. I believe that Lat was afraid that Cecil Hall would want to use him as a victim in an artificial respiration demonstration.

Miss Rankin's message concerning Public Relations brought out several most important points to each of us.

Each of us should be grateful for the straightforward talk by Mr.

Paul Rodgers. How can he become a successful lawyer if he allows people to understand all that he says?

As we remember the large amount of time devoted to tent camping we are reminded of the importance of this fast-growing activity.

It seems that the meetings are continually getting better; I know that this one has made me want to take a more active part than ever before.

Best regards to each of you.

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UNICOI STATE PARK

Submitted by Lat Vandiver, Supt.

With the coming of spring, Unicoi is undergoing a much needed face lifting. Two new docks have been built, a new raft and an attractive rock retaining wall borders one side of the beach to prevent muddy water washing into swimming area.

Two new picnic shelters are being erected, and tent camping areas are being enlarged as much as possible to accommodate the ever increasing number of people who love camping out.

We are happy to inform campers that we now have electric lights and running water in the area. We also have five new tables for the old picnic shelter and ten concrete picnic tables. In the kitchen at the group camp, we have a new walk-in cooler box and some cabinets for dishes. The cabins at the group camp have new screen doors and the window screens have been repaired.

Five new fiberglass boats were received here in January. Also 10 paddles and 20 cushion-type life preservers. In February we received six rollaway beds and a Remington power saw.

The office at the concession build-

has a new linen closet, but is in need of storage room for mops, brooms, tools, etc. The floor at the concession building has been repaired, sanded and refinished.

The attractive new superintendent's house was completed the first of the year and a telephone installed. Native shrubbery has been set around the house and several white pine, dogwood and poplar trees have been transplanted. We hope to have grounds prepared soon to sow grass seed in time to get the benefit of the "April Showers".

We are delighted to hear that Mr. Collier has been visiting some of the State Parks and we enjoyed his recent visit to Unicoi.

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BLACK ROCK MTN. PARK Submitted by J. L. Christian, Supt.

We have completed graveling our road to the new tent camping area. We have also assembled and varnished sixteen new wood picnic tables, painted all of the floors and guard rails, and have also put in 1,800 feet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " plastic water line to the camping area.

April was a very good month. We had about two hundred on Black Rock for an Easter Sunrise service from the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. We also had the FFA Chapter for a chicken barbecue on April 18. There were 63 of them including a few visitors and the staff.

Our park is in good shape and we will soon have our new camping area ready for the visitors.

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A. H. STEPHENS PARK Submitted by T. E. Darden, Supt.

Spring, although it has been windy and bad, has brought school groups to our park. They were from the following schools, Wesleyan College, Macon; S. D. Copeland School,

Augusta; Wrens and Stapleton; Augusta School; and two groups the same day, Perrin School and Rollins School, both of Augusta. We are expecting other groups this month from Macon, Decatur and Augusta. These groups are in addition to numerous other family groups, etc. Switzerland, Tarrega Spain, England, Boliver, were on our register. They were quite interested in Confederate history and seemed to have learned a lot from their visit here.

The dogwood and honeysuckle blooming as well as budding trees all contribute to beautiful scenery in our park.

A Confederate letter from the museum collection is being published each week in the Taliaferro and Green County papers, as the curators contribution to the commemoration of the Civil War Centennial.

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LAURA S. WALKER Submitted by C. H. Morgan, Supt.

We have had Boy Scout Troops from Pelham, Atlanta and Dalton, Ga. Also from Birmingham and Jacksonville, Florida.

Tornadoes have struck all around us, but we got the water. We were ready to build our new dock when the first series started. With the spillway wide open, the lake rose 6' in one night. Again, we waited and the same thing happened, so perhaps after September we will be better.

We have rebuilt our Council Circle; it is a beauty and will last a long time. I think we have a few more tent and trailer campers than last year--not one gripe about the new price.

We are putting in 800 new posts--a beautiful design when we are through. The lights and water at the new picnic shed makes the building very popular.

beautiful fish have been caught out of the lake--ranging from 5 lbs. to 12½ lbs.

Sorry I couldn't make the "Work Shop" at Cordele. Am always glad to see the other folks but I could not eat that good chow of Mrs. Greenes.

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CROOKED RIVER PARK

Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Ten new shower stalls have been installed in the Cabins and one in the superintendent's cabin, and along with the new tile floors of each cabin, make a marked change in the appearance of the cabins.

Crooked River Park opened Saturday to the public for the new season, and it looks like a busy season ahead. We have an additional soft drink case, fan, and an electric refrigerator on the way for the concession.

Two large wooden tables 10 ft. long 6 wooden benches 5 ft. long, have been painted white and added to the concession and pool area.

A new picnic shelter has been sent to Crooked River and we are awaiting the arrival of Mr. Shackelford to erect same in a few weeks.

Our boat ramp has been repaired, with concrete and reinforcing rods, that will give service for a long time, thanks to Mr. W. L. Carbine, Engineer and the City and County Commissioners of Camden County.

Our new international 240 tractor and mower is certainly making a good showing for itself now in the park.

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HARD LABOR CREEK PARK

Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

Our progress for the months of March and April are as follows: One new picnic shelter, new tables

for Camp Rutledge dining hall, new benches for Camp Rutledge assembly shelter, new tent camp area road w/exception of gravel, 8 new iron grills for picnic area, some landscaping at day use area bathhouse, also at Camp Rutledge dining hall, new boat launching ramp at CCC camp area, rough fish control in Lake Rutledge completed, new residence for our wood shop foreman, almost completed.

Other Items of interest:

We were host to the annual Camp Leadership Conference and the ACA Campcraft Course which was sponsored by the Georgia District of ACA and the Department of State Parks, April 12-16, 1961. Approximately 150 people attended this conference at Camp Rutledge.

We were also host to the Family Camping Workshop which was jointly sponsored by the Georgia Department of State Parks and the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Dept. Approximately 340 people attended this workshop. This workshop was held at Camp Rutledge on April 21-22-23, 1961.

We had a total of 2,525 visitors for March and 6,294 visitors for April.

Other groups using our Group Camps for March and April are as follows: Men's Bible class of the Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Pace maker's Class of Calvary Methodist Church of Atlanta, The Clayette Sub-District MYF of Jonesboro, The circle Four Square Church of Atlanta. We also had seven Boy Scout Troops and five Army Reserve Units doing Pioneer Camping. We have also had numerous church, civic & other groups using our Barbeque facilities during the two months.

We were honored to have the following visitors from the General Office during April - Mr. Collier - Mr. Struble - Mr. McGarity - Mr. Wilkes - Mr. Arnall and Miss Rankin.



LETTERS FROM VISITORS

Dear Mr. Collier:

Over the Easter holidays for a period of four days and nights, Dr. E. J. Cain, Dr. Henry Boyter, Mr. Alton Ray, (Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation in Columbus), and I, together with our six sons and various and sundry guests from Bainbridge, had the real pleasure of camping out at Seminole State Park in Southwest Georgia. We had done this same thing last year, and it had been so much fun that we decided to make it an annual event. We had a wonderful time this year also in spite of some relatively bad weather the first two days.

Our pleasure and enjoyment of our camping trip to this state park was greatly enhanced by the attention and care bestowed on us by the man in charge of the park, Mr. Emmette C. Johnson. He was extremely nice to us in every respect, helped us in every way possible, and just couldn't have been better in his job. It is obvious that he takes pride in its appearance and in the use that people make of it. We all feel that he is an extremely valuable man to have working for the Parks Department, and it is a pleasure to be able to write this completely unsolicited commendation of him and the park in general.

We feel that the Parks Department of Georgia is doing a good job, and if we can help in any way, it will be a pleasure to do so.

Sincerely,

A. B. Conger, M.D.

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Dear Mr. Collier:

It is always a pleasure to visit any of the Georgia State Parks and we are indebted to you and the other authorities for providing such good facilities. However, I find it a peculiar joy to visit Indian Springs. The historical setting adds interest, but the thoughtfulness of the park personnel makes Indian Springs outstanding. Where else would one find help in loading a car with spring water for medicinal purposes? This is typical of the many courtesies shown to my friends and me on numerous visits to this park.

You are fortunate to have the services of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Anderson and Mr. Charles Hamlin.

Very truly yours,

Miss Gladys Ozley

P.S. Since writing the above, I have stopped by Indian Springs and learned that Mr. Anderson is being transferred to Veterans Memorial



at Cordele. I hate to see
the Andersons leave Indian Springs,
for my selfish reasons, but am
happy that they are still to be
serving our State Park System.
Some of my friends and I are making
plans to visit the park at Cordele
simply because of the friendship
which has developed because of the
kindnesses the Andersons have shown
us on trips to the Springs. We
appreciate your consideration of
them.

G. Ozley

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Dear Mr. Collier:

For a number of years I have visited Indian Springs State Park once or twice a year, and each visit is a real pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson always go out of their way to make us have a good time in the park. Each member of the park personnel at Indian Springs is most cooperative, and you are fortunate to have such fine representation there.

Very truly yours,

Miss Sadie Shannon

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Gentlemen:

I am Scoutmaster of BSA Troop 393 of Atlanta. Last weekend I enjoyed the hospitality of the Ft. Yargo State Park where eight of my boys, my assistant and I went camping on one of your wilderness sites.

I would like to express my Troops and my appreciation for the site provided. I would also like to express my appreciation to your park ranger whose help was most valuable to me. The gentleman in question whose name I have unfortunately momentarily misplaced is a great credit to your service. It may interest you to know that prior to this trip, my boys and I had made survey trips to several

other state parks, some being much further developed than Fort Yargo. The boys voted to go back to Fort Yargo for this trip primarily due to the friendly interest shown by your Ranger on our survey trip.

Please express our gratitude to this fine gentleman who has done much to bring the scenic beauty of this state closer to some of our Atlanta city boys.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Preston

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The four historical folders have now been released, and you will find a copy of each enclosed with your Park Views. We hope that by this time next year, we will have a folder on all of our historical areas. We also plan to have three additional museums open, and additional work completed at Liberty Hall.

On the new folders you will find pictures of the two new museums, Kolomoki and Jefferson Davis. If any of the superintendents feel that they need these folders for distribution in their parks, please notify Miss Rankin of the General Office.

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Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might read a set of his books. The neighbor replied ungraciously that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let a book leave the house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of his lawnmower.

"I shall be very glad to lend you my lawnmower," said Mark Twain, "but since I made it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it there."

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C J POREE HELD FOR BOY SCOUTS
AT ALEXANDER STEPHENS ST. PARK

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Charles Hodges, Chairman of the Activities Committee of the Little River Boy Scout District, has announced that a Camporee was held at Alexander Stephens State Park on April 21-23.

Mr. Hodges stated that this Camporee was designed to operate on a Patrol basis thus giving a small troop with only one patrol the same opportunities as the larger troops with more patrols.

Prior to the Camporee, each unit leader had a meeting of his patrol leaders council, so that he could outline to patrol leaders what was expected of them. The patrol leader was responsible for the selection of Campsite, menus, participation of his patrol in scoutcrafts events, campfire skits, promptness at activities and the discipline of the members of his patrol.

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ALBANY BAR ENDORSES PERRY
AS STATE HEAD

The Albany Bar Association, at a well-attended barbecue festivity at Chehaw State Park endorsed a member of their group, Holcombe Perry, for the position of President of the state organization.

Mr. Perry recently was nominated by the governing board of the state group, along with Maurice C. Thomas of Macon. The election will be held in May at Jekyll Island.

D. C. Campbell, Jr., president of the Albany association, read the resolution which praised the Albany nominee as "an outstanding member, and one of the ablest lawyers in Georgia". It cited his many contributions to the legal profession.

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WEDDING BELLS

Miss Carole Gray, of the General Office, and Mr. D. F. Maddox were married on April 14, 1961 at the bride's home in Jackson, Georgia.

We wish them the best that life has to offer in a long and happy marriage.

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THIS IS AN ALL-AMERICAN STORY

Some say it is true. We have not been able to verify it, but it could happen and could only happen in America.

The old man's hot dog stand was doing a kingsize business. Being deaf he heard no news; bad eyes kept him from reading. He advertised his hot dogs, though, and business climbed. He called his son home to help him.

"But Dad, business is in a bad way. The local conditions are terrible and the big picture is worse."

The old man thought, "My son reads the papers, hears the radio, and looks at TV. He ought to know." So they cut their bun and meat orders, they stopped advertising, sales fell off rapidly.

"You are right, my son, we are certainly in the middle of a great depression." Put those signs back up, get some ads in the papers, buy some time on radio and TV. We're going back to work my way!"

And business boomed as usual.

Georgia's economic picture is bright and can be made brighter than ever with confidence, forthright action, careful planning and diligent work. Over 92 per cent of Georgia's non-farm workers are bringing home pay checks. We do have a little higher than usual unemployment, and the people who are out of work look to

Business and industry for the necessary planning to bring about full employment.

We can talk ourselves into trouble if we choose; it is our firm belief the ways of freedom and free enterprise can and do instill hope and confidence in the future. Let's get on with the work we have to do and the services we can perform.

Business will naturally pick up. Let the lowly hot dog be a lesson to all of us.

Ben T. Huiet, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Labor

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RULES TO REMEMBER

1. Read and obey signs and posters.
2. Observe State and Federal game and fish laws.
3. Keep the ground and water of your recreation site clean and free of pollution. Fish and clothes should not be cleaned in lakes or streams.
4. Trees, shrubs and flowers make the area attractive. Please leave them undamaged for others to enjoy.
5. Tables, toilets, and shelters are expensive and are for your convenience. Cutting initials or otherwise mutilating or destroying them is only increasing your tax bill--or reducing the recreational resource of your area and the Nation.
6. Be cautious about drinking water from streams. Even clear water may be polluted and dangerous to drink.
7. Discharging fireworks is prohibited on all national forests.
8. Discharging firearms on or adjacent to recreation areas is prohibited.
9. When camping away from improved areas, bury all garbage and refuse that will not burn, at least 100 feet from running water. And be extra careful with your campfire. Be sure it is out when you leave.

I AM MUSIC

I am MUSIC, most ancient of the arts. I am more than ancient; I am eternal. Even before life commenced upon this earth, I was here-in the winds and the waves. When the first trees and flowers and grasses appeared, I was among them. And when Man came, I at once became the most delicate, most subtle, and most powerful medium for the expression of Man's emotions. When men were little better than beasts, I influenced them for their own good. In all ages I have inspired men with hope, kindled their love, given a voice to their joys, cheered them on to valorous deeds, and soothed them in times of despair. I have played a great part in the drama of Life, whose end and purpose is complete perfection of man's nature. Through my influence human nature has been uplifted, sweetened and refined. With the aid of men, I have become a Fine Art. From Tubalcain to Thomas Edison a long line of the brightest minds have devoted themselves to the perfection of instruments through which man may utilize my powers and enjoy my charms. I have myriads of voices and instruments. I am in the hearts of all men and on their tongues, in all lands and among all peoples; the ignorant and unlettered know me, not less than the rich and learned. For I speak to all men, in a language that all understand. Even the deaf hear me, if they but listen to the voices of their own souls, I am the food of love. I have taught men gentleness and peace; and I have led them onward to heroic deeds. I comfort the lonely, and I harmonize the discord of crowds. I am a necessary luxury to all men. I am MUSIC.

Allan C. Inman

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